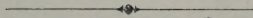
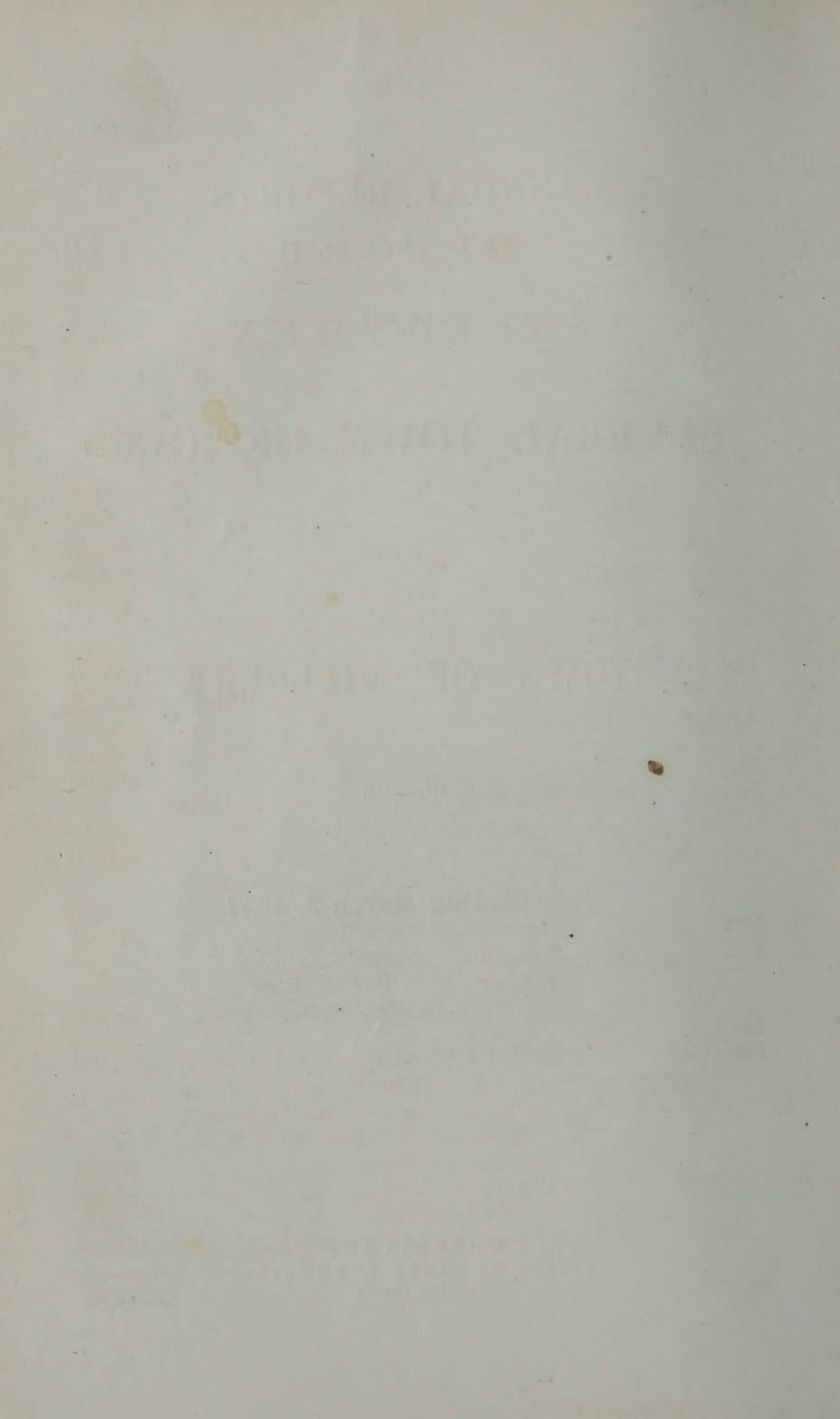




ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SEVERAL TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MILLBURY,
FOR THE
Year Ending March 2, 1857.



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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

			Dr.
1856.	To amt. due on Tax Bill, of 1851,	- -	\$31,73
	“ “ “ 1852,	- -	19,17
	“ “ “ 1855,	- -	176,92
	“ “ “ 1856,	- -	10660,28
	“ “ from W. B. Fenner,	-	751,47
	To Cash in the Treasury, as per report of Selectmen last year,	- - -	368,16
Mar. 10.	To Cash borrowed of Andrus March,	-	150,00
24.	“ “ of Millbury Savings Bank,	-	400,00
April 8.	“ “ of Millbury Bank,	-	293,85
21.	“ “ of Millbury Savings Bank,	-	1000,00
May 5.	“ “ of Hannah L. Goodell	-	200,00
June 3.	“ received of State Treasurer for taking census and statistics in 1855,	-	89,50
9.	“ rec'd for rent of Academy Hall,	-	100,00
	“ rec'd of School Com., money drawn for schools last year, but not used,	-	4,50
July 7.	“ borrowed of Oliver Rice,	-	215,00
Dec. 3.	“ from State School Fund,	-	135,83
	“ borrowed of G. J. Taft,	- -	500,00
8.	“ “ of Millbury Savings Bank,	-	480,00
1857.			
Feb. 19.	“ rec'd of I. Stowe on tax bill of 1851, in full, it being the amt. due from him as shown by the Treasurer's books over and above the '\$31,73,' as charged above,	- - -	39,53
21.	“ rec'd for oak timber,	- -	9,69
	“ “ for horse cart,	- -	8,00
	“ “ for sale of Cemetery Lots,	-	149,00
			15782,63

The Selectmen credit themselves as follows :

OLD BILLS.

We have paid debts outstanding against the Town prior to the date of last year's Report, as stated below.

		Cr.
1856.		
Mar.	5. Order to C. R. Miles, in full for services as per bill, in 1854-5, - - - -	7,00
	Order to First Cong. Society for use of Vestry, in 1855, - - - -	25,00
	10. Order to A. W. Wood in full, for bill, -	5,75
	Order to School Com. to pay Teacher in Grass Hill District, - - - -	120,00
	Order to A. P. Stone, in part for salary as Prin. of High School and in full for incidental expenses for High School, - - -	238,10
	Order to A. L. Maynard for services as Asst. in High School, - - - -	84,00
	Order to Esek Pitts, for breaking out roads, -	29,13
	24. Order to H. A. Cobbett for care of High School rooms, - - - -	9,00
	Order School Committee, to pay for teaching in Park Hill District, - - -	58,50
	Order to A. C. Hovey, for breaking out roads, -	24,19
April	7. Order to A. March, for care of School House in East District, - - - -	3,00
	Order to A. March, for breaking out roads and repairs on same, - - - -	21,21
	8. Order to L. Dwinel, for breaking out roads, -	16,08
	9. Order to James Brierly & Co., for gravel for roads, -	3,72
	12. Order to S. B. Poland, railing stone, -	2,00
	Order to D. T. March, for repairing highways, and breaking out roads, - - -	69,16
	Order to Asa Hayden, for breaking out roads, -	21,62
	Order to N. Longley, for breaking out roads, -	30,27
	15. Order to W. S. Tainter, for breaking out roads, -	12,26
	26. Order to Ezra Lovell, for services as witness before County Commissioners, - -	5,00
	Order to A. P. Stone, in part for his note against the Town, - - - -	150,00
	Order to D. Atwood, for services as Treasurer, -	5,00
	Order to School Committee, to pay balance of Teacher's wages in Paper Mill District, -	7,00
		<hr/> 946,99

	Am't brought forward,	-	-	946,99
	Order to L. Spaulding, for services as School Com.,	26,00		
	Order to Millbury Savings Bank, to pay note and interest for money borrowed by Select- men in 1855,	-	-	203,10
May	6. Order to S. A. Small, for breaking out roads,	45,51		
	Order to E. Lovell, school books for poor children,	1,80		
	Order to Orra Goodell, for services as School Committee,	-	-	10,00
	Order to H. D. Tripp, for breaking roads,	-		34,37
June	5. Order to B. Morris, for care of School House in Grass Hill District,	-	-	9,00
	17. Order to J. Robbins, for services as Selectman for 1855,	-	-	21,81
	Order to J. Robbins, for expense of printing Selectmen's Report 1855,	-	-	49,00
July	24. Order to B. Morris, for serv's as School Com. '55,	8,00		
	Order to Simon Dudley, for breaking out roads,	5,87		
	Order to N. Longley, for services and expenses in case of McBeth at Boston &c.,	-		20,22
	Order to A. P. Stone, for superintending the printing of Reports for 1855,	-	-	3,74
	26. Order to Millbury Bank, to pay money bor- rowed last year,	-	-	1000,00
Aug.	16. Order to Asa Hayden, to cover an error in his bill for breaking roads in 1855,	-	-	2,75
	18. Order to A. P. Stone, in part for his note against the Town,	-	-	100,00
Oct.	8. Order to A. P. Stone, to pay balance of his note against the Town, and interest,	-	-	300,91
Dec.	8. Order to Geo. Sabine, for breaking out roads in 1855,	-	-	3,22
1857.				
Jan.	28. Order to Geo. W. Hastings, for breaking out roads in 1855,	-	-	4,64
				<hr/> 2796,93

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

May	6. Order to Fire Department, for services to date,	702,63		
July	26. Order to Fire Department for repairing engines,	250,52		
1857. Jan.	1. Order to Fire Department to pay bill for engine hose,	-	-	309,30
				<hr/> 1262,45

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

		Cr.
April	8. Order to L. Dwinel, for breaking out roads,	3,00
Oct.	6 Order to J. E. Waters, for road damages and fencing, - - - - -	150,00
	16. Order to James Goodell for building bridge over Blackstone river, - - -	25,00
Nov.	29. Order to Stephen Alger, for repairs on road near his house, - - - - -	1,00
Dec.	8. Order to H. W. Harris, in full for building road between the new County road and house of G. W. Harris, - - -	225,00
	Order to James Emerson, to pay for 1700 feet of plank for bridge, - - - - -	34,00
	10. Order to Orin Howlett, for extra work on highway,	8,25
1857.		
Feb.	18. Order to M. Felton, for gravel, - - -	6,00
	20. Order to John Ryan, for breaking out roads,	5,49
	21. Order to B. B. Lincoln, to pay for surveying roads,	4,77
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		462,51

THE POOR.

July	24. Order to Overseers of the Poor for expenses in part,	200,00
Oct.	18. " " " " "	100,00
1857.		
Feb.	17. " " " " "	300,00
	21. " " " " " in full,	395,16
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		995,16

HIGH SCHOOL.

		Cr.
June	7. Order to A. P. Stone for salary as Prin. of High School, and incidentals, - - -	76,81
July	7. Order to A. L. Maynard, for salary, in part, as Asst. Teacher, - - - - -	50,00
	Order to H. P. Roberts, for salary as Prin. of High School, and incidentals, - - -	163,10
	23. Order to N. Goddard & Son, for wood for High School, - - - - -	19,50
	24. Order to A. Wheeler, for labor, funnel, &c. for School room; - - - - -	22,45
Aug.	18. Order to Anson E. Cutting, for care of High School rooms, - - - - -	9,00
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		340,86

		Brought forward,	340,86
Oct.	6.	Order to A. L. Maynard in part for salary as Assistant Teacher, - - - -	25,00
		Order to H. P. Roberts, for salary as Principal,	162,50
Nov.	18.	Order to School Com., to pay for cutting wood for High School, - - - -	5,75
	24.	Order to H. P. Roberts, in part for salary as Principal, - - - -	50,00
		Order to A. L. Maynard, in part for salary as Assistant Teacher, - - - -	50,00
Dec.	8.	Order to Anson E. Cutting, for care of High School rooms, - - - -	9,00
1857.			
Jan.	14.	Order to A. L. Maynard, in part for salary as Assistant Teacher, - - - -	100,00
	24.	Order to H. P. Roberts, in full for salary as Prin. and for incidentals to Jan. 1, 1857,	117,96
Feb.	21.	Order to N. Goddard & Son, for High School,	15,00
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			876,07

TOWN SCHOOLS.

July	11.	Order to Union	Dist. for wood, -	6,00
	25.	" Centre	" for wood and teaching, -	43,88
	26.	" Grass Hill	" for teaching, -	45,04
	29.	" Union	" for teaching, -	224,00
Aug.	4.	" Park Hill,	" for wood, -	12,25
		" North	" for teaching &c., -	30,00
		" East	" for teaching &c., -	93,47
Sept.	1.	" Paper Mill	" for teaching &c., -	80,00
		" "	" " -	68,00
Oct.	2.	" Park Hill	" for teaching &c., -	40,42
Nov.	15.	" North	" for teaching &c., -	19,42
Dec.	9.	" Union	" for wood, -	59,28
1857.				
Jan.	24.	" Paper Mill	" for wood, -	42,95
Feb.	18.	" Grass Hill	" for teaching, -	135,00
	20.	" "	" for wood, -	18,50
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				918,21

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

By State Tax as paid by Treasurer,	-	1098,00	
By County Tax as paid by Collector,	-	1381,86	-\$2479,86

Money borrowed this year, and paid, including Interest.

		Cr.
May	6. Order to A. March, for note and interest, -	151,38
June	12. Order to Millbury Bank, to pay interest on note of \$1000, time extended two months, -	10,50
July	28. Order to Millbury Sav. Bk., for note and interest,	408,73
Aug.	4. Order to J. Robbins, for interest paid Mrs. Rus- sell and A. Newton, - - - -	79,73
	Order to S. Dwinel, for interest, - - -	24,00
	Order to Millbury Bank, for note, - - -	300,00
	Order to Millbury Savings Bank, for note and interest, - - - - -	1017,33
Sept.	1. Order to Samuel March, for interest, -	30,60
Oct.	6. Order to Oliver Rice, for note and interest,	116,72
	17. Order to J. Robbins, for note and interest,	101,50
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		2240,49

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Mar.	10. Order to W. B. Fenner, for abatement of Taxes of 1852, by vote of Town, - - -	19,17
May	6. Order to C. T. Tucker, for services as School Committee, - - - - -	11,70
	27. Order to School Committee, to pay for outline maps for schools, - - - - -	78,00
June	14. Order to D. J. Paul, for taking statistics in '55,	15,00
	17. Order to O. E. Thompson, for taking census in 1855, - - - - -	17,50
	Order to J. Robbins, for taking census in 1855,	21,50
	Order to Ezra Lovell, for taking statistics in '55,	15,00
	Order to J. Robbins, for blanks for Town orders,	3,00
	30. Order to G. W. Mallalieu, for abatement of a nuisance, - - - - -	5,00
July	24. Order to Jos. March, for making 46 rods of wall,	34,50
	Order to Ezra Lovell, for services as assessor and incidentals, - - - - -	38,77
	Order to Geo. S. Farnum, for services as asses- sor and incidentals, and auditing account of Selectmen, in 1855, - - - - -	45,40
	Order to D. Cutting, for services with the Au- ditor at same time, - - - - -	6,00
Oct.	6. Order to J. E. Waters, for services as assessor,	26,00
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		336,54

	Brought forward,	-	336,54
	8. Order to N. Longley, in part for expenses of suit against town of Sutton,	- - - - -	400,00
Nov.	18. Order to do. in full for do.	- - - - -	81,73
1857, Jan.	6. Order to T. R. Harrington, for repairs on plastering, in Academy Hall,	- - - - -	2,00
	28. Order to Armsby, Morse & Co, for repairs, &c. on blinds of High School building, and for one guide board,	- - - - -	52,42
Feb.	5. Order to Elias Hull, in full for all damages and costs to him caused by defect in Town Highway, Feb. 7, 1854,	- - - - -	337,35
	18. Order to Asa H. Waters & Co., in full for quit claim Deed of Academy lot,	- - - - -	250,74
	20. Order to Oliver Rice, for furnishing and setting two guide boards,	- - - - -	2,50
	Order to E. M. Holman, for abatement of Taxes, for 1856, per order of Assessors,	- - - - -	151,49
	Order to E. M. Holman, for discount on Taxes, collected by him in 1856,	- - - - -	928,94
	Order to Jonas Ward, for repairing Standard Scales, and making three ballot boxes,	- - - - -	3,50
	21. Order to I. N. Goddard, for recording marriages, births, deaths, and for postage and express charges,	- - - - -	30,88
	Order to I. N. Goddard, for abatement of Taxes, in Tax Bill of 1855,	- - - - -	16,70
	Order to N. Goddard, for rent of room for Selectmen,	- - - - -	10,00
	Order to D. Atwood, for services as Auditor,	- - - - -	10,00
	Order to Joseph Hastings, for care of Cemetery, and repairing hearse and harness,	- - - - -	23,68
	Order to B. B. Lincoln, for serv. as Selectman,	- - - - -	20,00
	Order to Joseph Robbins, for serv. as Selectman,	- - - - -	15,00
	Order to Joseph Robbins, for cash paid out for sundries,	- - - - -	9,91
	Order to Oliver Rice, for services as Selectman,	- - - - -	32,00
	Order to Esek Pitts, for services as Selectman,	- - - - -	22,00
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			2737,38

The Selectmen also credit themselves,			
By amt. of uncollected taxes for 1855,	-	50,34	
" " " 1856,	-	161,33	
By Cash in Treasurer's hands,	-	801,90—	\$1013,57
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid old bills outstanding prior to March 3, 1856,	-	-	2796,93
“ for Fire Department,	-	-	1262,45
“ for Roads and Bridges,	-	-	462,51
“ for support of Poor,	-	-	995,16
“ for support of High School,	-	-	876,07
“ for support of Town Schools,	-	-	918,21
“ State and County Taxes,	-	-	2479,86
“ Money borrowed this year, and interest,	-	-	2240,49
“ for Miscellaneous expenses,	-	-	2737,38—\$14769,06
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Add uncollected taxes of 1855,	-	-	50,34
“ “ “ 1856,	-	-	161,33
“ cash in Treasurer's hands,	-	-	801,90 —\$1013,57
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			\$15782,63

Dr.

The Selectmen's debit, as on page 3, - - 15782,63

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN,

so far as ascertained.

Note due Samuel March,	-	-	500,00
“ “ “	-	-	742,00
“ Millbury Savings Bank,	-	-	480,00
“ Samuel March,	-	-	400,00
“ Solomon Dwinel,	-	-	400,00
“ Widow Barton,	-	-	300,00
“ Abigail Russell,	-	-	1000,00
“ A. Newton,	-	-	300,00
“ Hannah L. Goodell	-	-	200,00
“ G. J. Taft,	-	-	500,00—\$4822,00
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Due G. W. Hastings, for breaking roads in '55,	-	-	3,71
“ Wm. Ryan, for sundries,	-	-	4,35
“ H. W. Harris, for building roads,	-	-	396,45
“ B. B. Lincoln, for labor on bridge,	-	-	7,16
“ A. C. Wood, for breaking roads,	-	-	24,75
“ A. C. Wood for extra labor on roads,	-	-	16,01
“ S. S. Small, for breaking roads,	-	-	32,08
“ S. B. Poland, for breaking roads,	-	-	8,08
“ N. Longley, for breaking roads,	-	-	27,40
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			519,99

Brought forward,	-	-	519,99	4822,00
" G. W. Mallalieu, as Selectman,	-	-	8,00	
" E. M. Holman, for collecting taxes,	-	-	70,00	
" A. C. Cummings, for extra repairs on high-	-	-		
ways, and breaking roads,	-	-	28,64	
" Leonard Dwinel, for extra repairs on high-	-	-		
ways, and breaking roads,	-	-	21,23	
" A. H. Blake, for extra repairs on highways,	-	-		
and breaking roads,	-	-	14,86	
" W. S. Tainter, for the town,	-	-	6,37	
" A. H. Blake, for extra repairs on roads,	-	-	23,31	
" Orrin Howlett, for breaking roads,	-	-	6,25	
" First Cong. Society, for use of Vestry,	-	-	25,00	
" the School Districts,	-	-	1711,94	\$2435,59
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				\$7257,59

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Taxes uncollected of 1855,	-	-	50,34	
" 1856,	-	-	161,33	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	-	-	801,90	
High School Building,	-	-	2400,00	
Cemetery laid out in 1854,	-	-	2337,00	
Rent of Chapel 1st of April next,	-	-	75,00	
13 Stone Posts,	-	-	16,25	
H. Penniman's Estate for loam,	-	-	4,70	
300 feet of Bridge Plank,	-	-	6,00	
B. B. Lincoln, owes for old timber,	-	-	2,62	
Liquor in Agent's hands,	-	-	113,13	
Cash in Agent's hands,	-	-	113,96	\$6082,23
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Excess of Liabilities over resources,	-	-	-	1175,36

STATEMENT

in regard to expenses of the Town the current year.

Amt. of paid orders as on page 10,	-	-	14769,06	
Deduct "Old Bills,"	-	-	2796,93	
" Discount on Taxes,	-	-	928,94	
" Abatements,	-	-	187,36	\$3913,23
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				10855,83
Add for support of winter schools, not yet paid, about,			1000,00	
Sundry other expenses not paid, as on page 11,			723,65	
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Total expense for the current year, nearly	-	-	-	12579,48

This sum will no doubt be considered very large, but we ask your attention to the following items of *extra expenses*, for the present year.

For support of schools, extra,	-	-	\$300,00
Paid to Elias Hull, for damages, &c.,	-	-	337,35
Paid for Deed of Academy Lot,	-	-	250,74
Paid costs of suit against Sutton,	-	-	481,73
Expense of new roads, and road damages,	-	-	771,45
Cost of outline maps for schools,	-	-	78,00
Repairs on High School Building,	-	-	52,42—\$ 2271,69
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Leaving for ordinary expenses,	-	-	10307,79

We respectfully recommend to the town, to consider well whether it would not be expedient to raise and appropriate money each year sufficient to meet all contemplated expenditures. The town is fast getting into debt. The interest money now amounts to some \$350 annually.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ROBBINS,	} <i>Selectmen of Millbury.</i>
OLIVER RICE,	
ESEK PITTS,	
B. B. LINCOLN,	
G. W. MALLALIEU,	

I certify that the foregoing account, as rendered by the Selectmen, is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. The statement in regard to the *Liabilities* of the Town is not intended to be strictly correct, nor is it complete.

In some instances, bills that have not been presented, have been estimated, and some few small debts are not mentioned, because the amounts are not known; such as charges for services rendered &c.

D. ATWOOD, *Auditor.*

Millbury, Feb. 23, 1857.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

The Engineers are able to report Engines No. 3, 4 and 5, together with their apparatus, in good condition.

We have expended as follows :

For 307 ft. of 2 1-2 inch leading hose, at 90 cts.,	276,30
6 pairs couplings, at \$3,50 per pair, . . .	21,00
3 sets connecting couplings, \$4,00 per set, . .	12,00
For repairing Engine No. 4,	45,00
“ “ “ 3,	45,00
For 1 piece 6 1-2 ft. 3 3-4 inch suction hose \$4,25,	27,62
For repairing screws,	1,50
For gas pipe for Engines No. 3&4, cutting to order,	30,38
For 31 1-2 lbs. brass at 37 1-2 cts. per lb., . .	11,66
For covering brakes and straps,	33,36
For fitting gas pipe, brakes for Engines 3 and 4,	20,00
For oiling and varnishing suction hose for En-	
gines 3 and 4,	2,00
For expenses getting gas pipe and freight, . .	4,31
For express and postage,	1,67
For painting engine,	13,00—\$544,80

We think the engines have been much improved by getting new brakes, and will be satisfactory to the town. There is now about 600 feet of good leading hose, and we would recommend the town to purchase 150 feet more the coming year, 50 feet to each engine, which we think will keep them in good condition.

We should recommend the town to paint the engine houses, as soon as possible, as they need it much.

The whole number of men belonging to the fire department, including engineers, is 135, when the companies are full. The expenses at \$5,00 each \$675,00. Steward's bills for taking care of hose and engine, about \$50,00. Total, \$725,00. The fire department has been called out during the past year, twice;—July 14th. The old house near the Grist mill in Armory Village, belonging to A. H. Waters & Co. Feb. 13th, 1857. The Saw mill belonging to Mr. H. W. Harris. The fire department were promptly on the ground in both cases, and did efficient service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM RYAN,	} <i>Engineers</i> <i>of</i> <i>Millbury.</i>
JOHN S. BLANCHARD,	
H. L. BANCROFT,	
JOHN RHODES,	
THEODORE A. BARTON,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT,

ON THE LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT, FEB. 26, 1856.

The Agent in this Report charges himself with "sundry bills for the year, *and last year in part*, (1854,) for liquors, barrels &c., \$866,46." Now I find that \$287,71 of this sum, was for the year 1854, and was paid for during the months of March and April of 1855, as shown by his receipts and bills. It will be seen therefore, by reference to the said report, that inasmuch as he credits himself with only the "*amount of sales from March 4*, 1855, while he charges himself with \$287,71 more than he bought during that time, it is not a correct statement of his transactions for the year.

The report, in the Auditor's opinion, should stand as given below :

B. C. SUMNER, AGENT,	DR.
To cash on hand, March 4, 1855,	239,72
liquors, barrels, &c. on hand March 4, '55,	144,59
amt. of liquors &c. bought since March 4, 1855, (\$866,46 less \$287,71,) . . .	608,75—\$993,06
CR.	
By amt. of sales from March 4, 1855, to date,	767,60
“ liquors &c., on hand at date, .	84,75
“ cash “ “ . . .	100,70
By agent's salary for the year, . . .	100,00—1053,05
Showing a profit on sales for the year, of -	59,99
Not enough to pay agent's salary, by -	40,01—\$100,00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. ATWOOD, *Auditor.*

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

For the year ending Feb. 21, 1857.

B. C. SUMNER, AGENT,	DR.
To cash on hand Feb. 26, 1856, . . .	100,70
liquors, barrels, &c. on hand Feb. 26, 1856,	84,75
amt. of liquors purchased since Feb. 26, 1856, including all expenses on same, . . .	529,70 — \$715,15

CR.

By amt. of sales from Feb. 26, 1856, to Feb.

21, 1857,	546,46
amt. of liquors, barrels &c., on hand at date,	113,13
cash on hand at date,	113,96
Agent's salary for the year,	50,00 — \$823,55
Showing a profit on sales for the year of	108,40
Leaving a net profit after paying Agent's salary for the year, of	58,40

\$50,00

B. C. SUMNER, *Agent*.

I have examined the foregoing account, and believe it to be
correct.

D. ATWOOD, *Auditor*.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

An account of the expenditures at the Alms House Establishment, from March 1st, 1856, to March 1st, 1857.

Paid for Store goods and medicines,	-	-	167,15
" Clothing and shoes,	-	-	40,69
" Grain and grass seed,	-	-	49,63
" Meat,	-	-	52,04
" Furniture and repairs,	-	-	8,90
" Farming tools and repairs,	-	-	10,69
" Labor on farm,	-	-	29,75
" Stock purchased,	-	-	32,50
" Blacksmithing,	-	-	16,15
" Stove and furniture,	-	-	30,06
" Pump and fixtures,	-	-	12,56
" Repairs on buildings,	-	-	10,33
" Services of W. S. Tainter,	-	-	256,00
" Burial of Mrs. Eager,	-	-	10,50
" Medical bill,	-	-	3,50
" Postage and stationery,	-	-	,70—\$731,15

INCOME.

Received for Stock sold,	-	-	40,00
" Swine,	-	-	15,00
" Veal calves,	-	-	23,69
" Poultry and eggs,	-	-	16,79
" Butter,	-	-	29,49
" Grain,	-	-	3,60
" Hide,	-	-	4,06—\$132,63

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

One yoke oxen,	-	-	150,00
One yoke oxen four years old,	-	-	130,00
Five cows,	-	-	240,00
One three year old heifer,	-	-	45,00
Two yearlings,	-	-	30,00
Three swine,	-	-	41,00
Thirty-three fowls,	-	-	16,50
Three turkeys,	-	-	4,00
Household furniture,	-	-	370,75
Farming utensils,	-	-	181,23—\$1208,48

ARTICLES OF CONSUMPTION.

12 1-2 tons	Eng. hay,	-	-	200,00
6	" stock hay,	-	-	60,00
1 1-4	" straw and husks,	-	-	12,00
40 bushels	corn,	-	-	40,00
25	" oats,	-	-	12,50
100	" potatoes,	-	-	100,00
1-2	" beans,	-	-	1,00
	Garden sauce,	-	-	7,00
1 1-2 barrel	apples,	-	-	7,50
1-4 barrel	cider molasses,	-	-	1,50
1-2 barrel	soap,	-	-	3,00
3-4 barrel	flour,	-	-	7,13
450 lbs.	salt pork,	-	-	58,50
300 lbs.	salt beef,	-	-	27,00
217 lbs.	hams and shoulders,	-	-	32,55
75 lbs	lard,	-	-	12,50
36 lbs.	lard and sausages,	-	-	6,00
40 lbs.	tallow and candles,	-	-	5,00
75 lbs.	dried beef,	-	-	9,38
45 lbs.	butter,	-	-	12,15
100 lbs.	cheese,	-	-	11,00
78 lbs.	dried apple,	-	-	11,70
20 lbs.	pumpkin,	-	-	4,00
50 lbs.	fresh meat,	-	-	6,25
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				\$647,66

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.

		Dr.	
To inventory of personal property,	March 1, 1856,		1924,00
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By inventory of March 1, 1857,	-	1856,14	
Decrease of personal property,	-	67,86—	\$1924,00
Expenses of poor on farm exclusive of interest on farm, and services of overseers,		731,15	
Deduct income of farm, the past year,		132,63—	\$598,52

SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM FARM.

Paid for Widow Barton,	-	-	52,00
family of Jacob Eager, sick,	-	-	24,93
board of John Stacy, 32 wks. at \$1,00	-	-	32,00
John Sherman, sick,	-	10,00	
groceries and wood to City of Wor'r,	5,36—	-	15,36
Mrs. Mahoney, wood and provisions,	-	-	38,94
burial of Patrick Lynch,	-	-	6,00
wood and provisions for Mrs. Lynch,	-	-	15,43
Lorenzo Pierce, sick, wood and prov.,	-	-	95,56
Fergus Marorty, medical bill,	-	6,00	
Fergus Marorty, nursing,	-	19,46—	25,46
Frank Wells, for wood and groceries,	-	-	11,16
Roswell Malhoit, for wood and groceries,	-	-	13,38
John O'Neill, provisions,	-	-	18,25
Paul Pereu, wood and provisions,	-	-	4,83
burial of Mr. Snow's child,	-	-	5,00
Ellen McCarle, medical bill,	-	-	7,45
“ burial expenses,	-	-	9,50
Francis Raymond, rent,	-	-	4,50
Mrs. Hyde, rent of Eager land,	-	-	4,00
removal Alex. Boozway, to Canada,	-	-	15,00
Anna Eager,	-	-	2,00
Outstanding debts of last year,	-	-	3,89
Services and expenses of overseers,	-	-	44,00
Total expenses away from farm, including debts			
of last year, services and expenses of overseers,			448,64
Deduct amount rec'd from Belchertown,		32,00	
Deduct amount rec'd from Commonwealth,		20,00—	\$52,00
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			396,64
Sum total drawn from the Treasury of the town,			
for support of poor,	-	-	995,16
Total expense of supporting poor,	-	-	1179,79
Received income of farm,	-	132,63	
“ of Town of Belchertown,	-	32,00	
“ of Commonwealth,	-	20,00 —	\$184,63
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			995,16
Due from Commonwealth,	-	-	27,00
Due for rent of Eager land,	-	-	12,00
Due for labor of W. S. Tainter,	-	-	40,00—\$79,00

There have been fourteen persons who have received support at the Alms House during the year ending March 1, 1857. Present number, 10, viz: Mrs. Brigham, Mary Waters, Nancy Eager, Lydia Severy, Lucinda Elliot, Adaline Barton, Joseph Waters, Paul Livermore, Lewis Barton, Edwin Livermore.

Average cost per week, - - - \$1,36-6

NYMPHUS LONGLEY, HORACE W. CHAMBERLIN, HARRY W. HARRIS,	} <i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
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REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



The Committee have nothing very remarkable to communicate in giving the history of our Schools the past year. No school has met with any serious disturbance, and all the teachers have performed their duties with general acceptance. We do not propose to enter into a critical analysis of their individual labors. Not a single male teacher has been employed in our district schools. In the summer, we had twelve schools, ten of which were taught by ladies belonging to town, and two, from abroad. Of the eleven teachers this winter, nine belong to town and two are from abroad. Only four of these were employed in our schools last year.

DISTRICT No. 1. GRASS HILL.

Number of families, 73.	Appropriated by families,	\$164,17
Appropriated by allowance,		60,83

\$225,00

Whole number of scholars in summer,	54
“ “ “ in winter,	63

This school was taught both terms by Miss Emily J. Putnam. There has been a very general interest manifested in all the branches taught. During the present term, evening spelling schools have been held, once a week, which have called in parents and friends, and interested all parties. The large number of pupils belonging to the school, which is not graded, has made the teacher's work very laborious. Beside hearing the whole school read and spell, she has had six or more recitations each half day. One class will complete Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic with credit to themselves, and one class will have a very good understanding of Colburn's first lessons.

DISTRICT No. 3. PAPER MILL.

Number of families, 188.	Appropriation by families,	422,60
Appropriation by allowance,		00
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		\$422,60

Whole number of scholars in school in summer,	125
“ “ “ “ in winter,	116

Miss Jane M. White taught the higher department both summer and winter. Proficiency in learning has been more remarkable in individual pupils, than in the school as a whole. This has not been owing to any defect in the teacher, but to the difference of mental capacity and energy among the pupils. Indolence and inconstancy at school have marked their victims here, as well as in other schools. The result will be, as the poet expresses it; “A youth of folly; an old age of cards.” Improvement in reading and spelling is quite manifest.

Miss Mary E. Bond has had the charge of the primary department for the last two years. This school contained 77 pupils in summer and 60 in winter. They have been very much interested in spelling, and have generally been found in an improving condition.

DISTRICT No. 4. UNION.

Number of families, 230.	Appropriated by families,	\$517,26
Appropriated by allowance,	- - -	73,74
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		\$591,00

Whole Number of scholars in summer,	189
“ “ “ “ winter,	165

Miss Lucretia Noble taught the Grammar school in summer, and Miss Mary E. Andrews in winter. They both labored assiduously, and their pupils made visible progress, particularly in Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and Reading.

The intermediate school was taught by Miss Ellen M. Pitts in summer, and by Miss Melvina S. Williams in winter. This school presents no prominent feature. Improvement in the various branches has been gradual and uniform. Sickness and cold weather have rendered attendance very irregular the past winter.

The Primary Department was taught in summer, by Miss Melvina S. Williams and Miss Fannie Warner. In Winter by Miss Warner alone. The exercises of this school are confined principally to reading, spelling and easy lessons in arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 6. EAST.

Number of families, 122.	Appropriation by families,	274,37
Appropriation by allowance,		55,63

 \$330,00

Whole number of scholars in summer,	93
“ “ “ in winter,	103

The higher department of the school was taught, in summer, by Miss Myra Holman; in winter, by Miss Jane A. Baldwin. This school, as a whole, has made as great improvement in learning and manners, the past season, as any one in town. We do not mean that it stands at the head of our schools, but, comparing it with itself, we may say that it has made an advance upwards.

The lower department has been under the care of Miss Orilla A. Howe. This, in some respects, is a very interesting school. The children take great delight in each others society. Their improvement from term to term is quite noticeable. But there is quite a deficiency of books among them. The walls of the school-room, too, are entirely destitute of any object suited to interest and instruct the eye. A great proportion of a child's education comes most easily and naturally through the eye. The walls of the school room should be ornamented with all kinds of geometrical figures, drawings, pictures embracing all kinds of colors, and other objects of interest to young children. The same remark may be made of the other primary school rooms.

DISTRICT No. 2. CENTRE.

Taught in summer by Miss Sarah J. Livermore, in winter by Miss Mary E. Pike. The school has done well.

DISTRICT No. 5. PARK HILL.

Taught both summer and winter by Miss Julia A. Poland. This school, as well as District No. 7, Hayward, lack the stimulus of numbers. The latter was taught in summer, by Miss Phoebe M. Gleason, and in winter, by Miss Ellen M. Pitts.

Dist. No. 2.	No. of families, 31.	Appropriated by families,	69,71
		“ by allowance,	80,29
Dist. No. 5.	No. of families, 25.	“ by families,	56,23
		“ by allowance,	71,00
Dist. No. 7.	No. of families, 14.	“ by families,	31,49
	—	“ by allowance,	58,51

Families in three Districts, 70.

Total for three Districts,	\$367,23
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The three Districts had 36 pupils in summer and 41 in winter.

It is apparently bad economy to maintain three schools, where there are barely numbers enough for one. District lines seem to confine these few pupils within prescribed limits. Within these limits they must be educated, or remain ignorant. But it seems unjust to the larger districts, as well as burdensome to the town, to educate a few at so great a cost, when, by uniting with larger districts, the schools can be better classified, and the greatest good secured to the greatest number. The appropriation of money has been made for the present year, but whether the districts shall be abolished, or re-districted, remains for the town to decide.

The question was put to each teacher, "What have been your principal trials in school?" The answers were various; such as not any special ones—have been many—indifference on the part of one or two pupils—want of punctuality, and irregular attendance—a want of moral rectitude, manifest in profanity, falsehood, petty thievishness and vulgarity—inattention and heedlessness—no particular trials—extreme indifference and indolence of some pupils.

To the question, "What are some of the principal obstacles to the improvement of your schools?" the answers were also various; such as inconstant attendance and bad associates; indifference of parents; saloons, and places of public resort, where the minds of the pupils become giddy and adverse to discipline and study; a want of a proper appreciation of the value of school privileges.

"What can be done to make your school more interesting?" The answer in substance, was, "Let every parent visit the school *once* or more during each term." It is naturally the duty of parents to educate their own children. For want of the necessary qualifications, or for the want of time, or to save themselves the trouble, they delegate this duty to teachers. Hence, if they neglect to visit the school, if they speak lightly of it, undervalue its importance, or thwart its influence for good, they fight against their own interests.

The appropriation of \$1800 by the town for our District Schools, by using proper economy, would give these schools three short terms. A term of 11 or 12 weeks, is better for most pupils, than one 15 weeks in length. There are pupils frequently urging an admittance to the High School, before they are qualified to enter. Their parents wish them to attend school, and as there is no District school, they think they are entitled to a place in the High School. Such parents should know that the High School is not the place for a college student; but it is quite as suitable for him, as it is for a child that does not yet understand the first rudiments of

an education. We think the District Schools should have three terms annually, and should commence about the same time that the High School does.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Since the last Report, the former Principal, Mr. A. P. Stone, resigned his connection with this school, to take charge of the High School in Plymouth, a position more elevated, and less laborious, than the one he here occupied. He had been connected with the High School from its establishment; he had honored it by his zeal and devotedness, and he left it with the sincere regrets of his former pupils. The Committee did not feel justified in paying him the increased salary which he is now receiving.

The Committee feel gratified that they were able to continue the school without interruption, by securing a successor so well qualified for the place, as they have found Mr. H. P. Roberts. The Assistant, Miss Maynard, was retained only by increasing her salary. We hope her services may be retained a long time to come.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	112
Average for the year,	67
Oldest pupil in school, 26 years.	
Youngest pupil in school between 11 and 12 years.	

EXPENSES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Salary of Principal,	\$650,00
Salary of Assistant,	300,00
Care of rooms,	27,00
Fuel and sundries,	53,11
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The following branches have been attended to by the number of scholars annexed.

Latin,	40	Algebra,	22	Astronomy,	17
French,	18	Book Keeping,	16	Physiology,	8
Greek,	1	Geometry,	6	Chemistry,	6
U. S. History,	35	Composition,	21		

In addition to the studies enumerated, there have been two classes in English Grammar, averaging 25 scholars each.

All the scholars have studied Geography, and nearly all, Arithmetic.

During the present term considerable attention has been paid to Punctuation.

Compositions and Declamations have been attended to as usual.

The following is a list of the daily exercises :

SOUTH ROOM.		NORTH ROOM.	
Book-keeping,	1	Writing,	1
Algebra,	2	Geometry,	1
Latin,	3	Arithmetic,	2
French,	2	U. S. History,	1
Arithmetic,	1	Reading,	2
Reading,	1	Spelling,	1
Spelling,	1	Composition,	1
Chemistry,	1	Grammar,	2
Punctuation or Geography,	1	Geography,	1
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It seems to the Committee, that the number of pupils in Latin is greater than the interest of the school, and their advancement in other more important branches will justify. Their time might be more profitably spent in obtaining a more thorough knowledge of the rudiments of our own language. We should recommend the sciences of Physiology and Chemistry as far more useful, unless the pupil intends to pursue an extended course of education.

The Committee feel that there is too little interest taken in the study of Physiology. A valuable set of physiological charts has been procured for the illustration of this science. There can be no subject of study more important than the laws of health. Health is the price of vigilance and care, secured only by obedience to the laws upon which it is founded. Ill health is a constant burden ; by it the mind is impeded in its efforts, and much of the poverty and misery of mankind are its necessary results. We often meet with persons who regret that they did not study this science when they attended school, rather than other branches which they have never found of any practical use to them. Females, especially, should study physiology.

We find, that during ten years ending with 1856, six hundred and seventy-one persons have died in this town—a number equal to one-fifth of our present population. A large proportion of this number died in infancy and childhood. No doubt the lives of some of these might have been preserved, if parental affection and solicitude had been tempered with a practical knowledge of the laws of health. During the same ten years, 994 children have been born among us, being 323 more than the number of deaths.

The annual birth of nearly 100 children is imposing a vast responsibility upon their parents. Hence the necessity that they should be properly qualified for their responsible duties. A subject of such vital importance should at least, be commenced at school, and form a diligent study through life.

Too little attention has as yet been given to the study of Chemistry. We ought surely to learn by what objects we are surrounded, and our relation to them. We ought to understand the constant changes and influences of the elements in which we "breathe, live, move, and have our being." Chemistry is a demonstrative science, nearly as much so as the mathematics. The illustrations and experiments necessary to explain it, arrest and impress the mind of the pupil. But we have, at present, no suitable apparatus for the explanation of this branch. We hope such an apparatus will be furnished our High School.

Any spirit of contentment with things as they now are, unless they are perfect, is a great obstacle in the way of improvement. But the idea prevails among many, that not much is necessary to be done, to secure great and undoubted progress. This is a great mistake. There is a great work to be done by somebody; a work which must be continued without relaxation, or else the cause of education among us will relapse into a much lower condition than it now occupies. Merely establishing a school, will not ensure its success, any more than the placing of a powerful engine on a railroad track, will give it force and speed, without steam, and a skillful engineer to control and guide it.

Frequent changes in teachers are working disastrously in our schools. A new teacher is not supposed to know, when he enters the school, what is the intellectual standing, or moral character, of his pupils. The pupils will often claim a higher rank than their true merits will warrant. The teacher must learn their true position by trial. The Committee cannot prevent this evil, unless one of their number is employed as an agent to keep a record of the progress and rank of the pupils, and has the power of classifying them; in other words, unless he performs the work of a teacher. As the case now is, a new teacher not only fails to assign the pupils their proper place and work, but he often spends a whole term in undoing just what the previous teacher spared no pains to accomplish. Every teacher has certain forms and methods of teaching and governing, peculiar to himself. Nothing is learned effectually, till these peculiar methods become familiar. The consequence often is, that one teacher spends much time in proving that his predecessor accomplished almost nothing. "This class," says one, "had gone over

the whole book before my school commenced; but I found they did not know the first principles of the branch. I was obliged to put them back at the beginning." This teacher, of course, wins the credit of being a thorough and accomplished instructor. But the next new teacher finds equal or still greater deficiencies in the same pupils, who are put back to be trained to his peculiar modes of imparting instruction. This is practically the result of frequently changing teachers. The school closes with a show. A permanent teacher will avoid these evils. He must build his reputation on a foundation that will stand. He will know what progress his pupils do actually make, and the Committee and others will see it also. There will be less motives for show, and more for substantial improvement.

Education is commendable only as it answers the great end of education, which is to make men better, wiser, happier and more useful to themselves, and to mankind. The best means for securing these ends, should be diligently sought out and reduced to practice. Reflecting men, who have been trained in our common schools, can throw much light on this subject. There is, probably, not one of the active men of our town, who does not now realize many of the defects and negligences of his school days, and who does not regret that he then so imperfectly understood the objects and advantages of an education. He sees that the character of our town to-day, is very much such as the schools which existed twenty years ago have made it. He knows, too, that the scholars now in our schools, are forming the character which our town will possess twenty years hence.

The history of our schools is progressive. It is only as one class of pupils after another, enter on the active duties of life, that we see the excellences and defects of the system under which they were trained. Manhood is formed by a gradual process, by imperceptible changes. The little boy who enters our school to-day, will be quite another person when he leaves it ten or twelve years hence. Though his character will then be in a good degree moulded, yet its influence on community, for good or evil, will be constantly developing itself till the end of life closes the theatre of action. Hence the importance of using the means of securing good schools.

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